



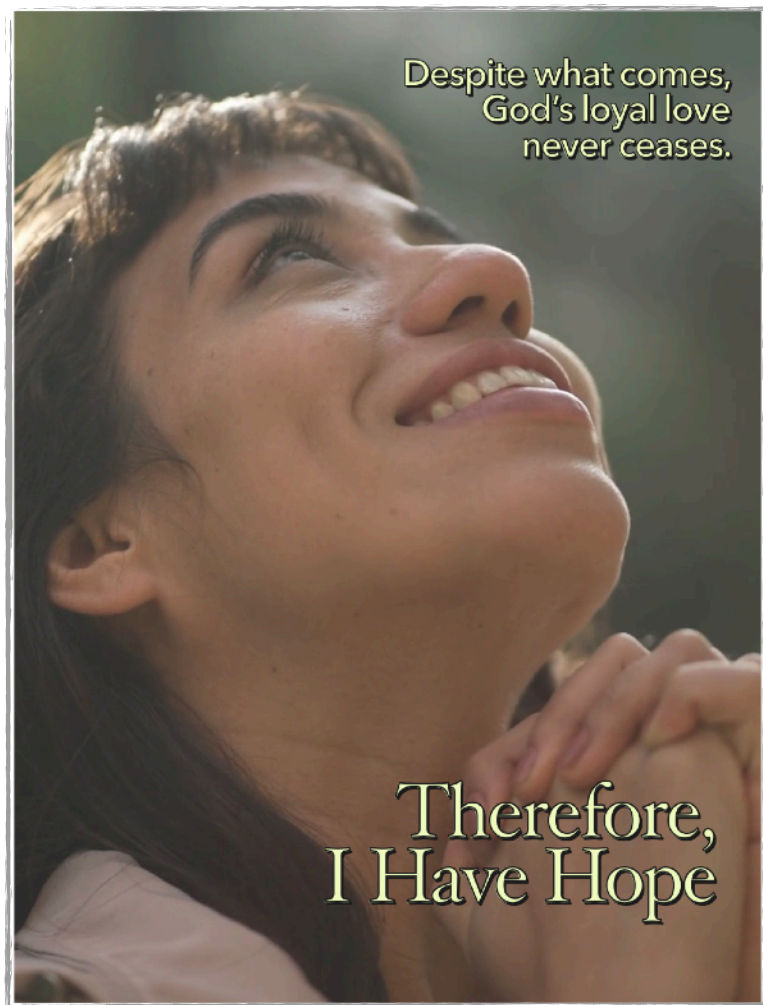
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Despite what comes,  
God's loyal love  
never ceases.

Therefore,  
I Have Hope

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time • World Communion • October 5, 2025

**Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26**

**"Therefore I Have Hope"**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**CEL=Celebration Hymnal**

**GTG=Glory to God Hymnal**

## OPENING SENTENCE

### Lamentations 3:22 (CEB)

Certainly the faithful love of the LORD hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through!

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

*"We Are Called"*

by Noah Melton

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hurricanes might even combine*

**Earthquakes can rage**

*Shutdowns can leave people without help*

**Violence can leave us shaken**

*Troubles can feel inevitable and overwhelming*

**Yet God's love is the only truly certain thing**

**SING** *"Today We Are All Called to be Disciples"*

GTG #757

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

**God of Our Hopes, You have called us to walk on the stormy waters. You have called us to have courage in the face of our fears. You have marked us as your own even when we aren't acting like your own. You offer us explanations, directions, blessings even though we don't listen, won't go, and fold our arms. And yet, your hopes for us remain. Forgive us when we allow our hopes with you to wane: in our actions, the things we tell each other, the things we tell ourselves, the ways we refuse to pray. May our hopes become as rich as the hopes you maintain for us. May we come to reflect your generosity as enthusiastically as we receive it. Thank you for listening, God. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God's love can change everything, even the power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that we have this power:*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*The Peace of Christ be with you*

**And also with you.**

## SING

*"Gloria Patri"*

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning.**

**It is now and ever shall be  
world without end: Amen, amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*When the temptation and tendency to overcomplicate God's will overtakes us, God's Word is given, accessible and ready. By God's Spirit, it can light up even the darkest recesses of our hearts and minds and show us something new. Let us be open to this gift of God and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...*

## PRAY/SING

*"Make Me a Servant"*

CEL #669

**Make me a servant, humble and meek;  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a  
servant, Make me a servant today.**

*Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...*

**READ: Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26  
(CEB)**

*Excerpts of Mourning.*

<sup>1</sup> Oh, no! She sits alone, the city that was once full of people. Once great among nations, she has become like a widow. Once a queen over provinces, she has become a slave. <sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night, her tears on her cheek. None of her lovers comfort her. All her friends lied to her; they have become her enemies. <sup>3</sup> Judah was exiled after suffering and hard service. She lives among the nations; she finds no rest. All who were chasing her caught her—right in the middle of her distress. <sup>4</sup> Zion's roads are in mourning; no one comes to the festivals. All her gates are deserted. Her priests are groaning, her young women grieving. She is bitter. <sup>5</sup> Her adversaries have become rulers; her enemies relax. Certainly the LORD caused her grief because of her many wrong acts. Her children have gone away, captive before the enemy. <sup>6</sup> Daughter Zion lost all her glory. Her officials are like deer that can't

find pasture. They have gone away, frail, before the hunter. 3:<sup>19</sup> The memory of my suffering and homelessness is bitterness and poison. <sup>20</sup> I can't help but remember and am depressed. <sup>21</sup> I call all this to mind—therefore, I will wait. <sup>22</sup> Certainly the faithful love of the LORD hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! <sup>23</sup> They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> I think: The LORD is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him. <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It's good to wait in silence for the LORD's deliverance.

*One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*"Object Permanence"*

## ANTHEM

*"How Beautiful (Incorporating When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)"* arr. Benjamin Harlan

## SERMON

*"Therefore I Have Hope"*  
Rev. David Ealy

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### SING

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*  
GTG #39

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*"One World, One Communion"* by Pepper Chaplin  
Duet: Noah and Lora Melton

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom  
all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## BLESSING

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**I believe in God's hopes—  
That God created us for a reason,  
That God chose people for a reason  
That God fought for us for a reason  
That God fought against us for a reason  
That God called us out on our sins for a reason**

**That God made us partners with God  
for the building of the kingdom  
That God created us for a purpose:  
We are clay that can be remade,  
reshaped  
prophets, priests, teachers, students,  
companions, travelers, historians,  
parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles,  
siblings and most importantly  
children  
all tilling the earth  
Now by God's grace,  
God's love really does  
change everything  
and makes us people of God  
because of Jesus Christ  
Who was, who is, and is to come.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

*Let us pray...*

*"Come, Bring Your Burdens to God"* GTG #85 I

**Come, bring your burdens to God  
Come, bring your burdens to God  
Come, bring your burdens to God  
For Jesus will never say no. (2X)**

**...Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread. And forgive  
us our debts as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you, God, for making us your  
kingdom. Help us live out that  
thanks by being a refuge to all you  
call us to. Thank you for including us  
at your Table. Help us do the same  
with ours. In the great name of Jesus  
Christ we pray this together. Amen.**

**SONG OF SENDING** GTG #515  
*"I Come with Joy"*

## SENDING & BENEDICTION

*Let us say together the Benediction...*

**Despite what comes, God's loyal  
love never ceases.**

## SING

**"Show Me Your Ways"** by Russell Forager  
**Show me Your ways that I may walk with You,  
Show me Your ways, I put my hope in You.**

**The cry of my heart is to love you more,  
To live with the touch of your hand,  
Stronger each day, show me Your ways.**

## POSTLUDE

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*  
arr. Cindy Berry

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## THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

- Alan & Ann Boone
- Austin Brogan
- Robert & Shoko Buxton (Max, Charlie)

**Be sure to check out our Linking Lives Podcast Link:**  
<https://hawfieldschurch.org/linking-lives-podcast>

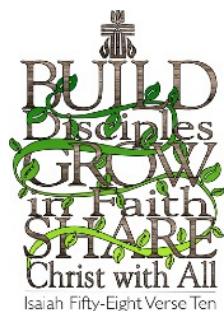
## PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: Mandy Ealy
- Courtney Bailey—recovering from knee surgery
- Amy Beck—recovering from cancer surgery and complications
- First Presbyterian Church, Pilot Mountain
- Hawfields Child Care Center
- Avery Cooper—health concerns
- Susan Robinson—at home recovering from illness
- Safe travels for those traveling this week
- Penny Smith—broken foot
- Susan Steinbicker—prayers for healing
- Helen Thomas—at Brookdale Senior Living in Burlington, Room #67 Address: 3619 S. Mebane St., Burlington 27215
- Those working through debt concerns
- Abby York—recovering from flu, strep throat and COVID

### Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Ron & Pat Augus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), Danny Thompson and Pat Webster



## THE 2025 SESSION



### PUMPKIN PATCH IS HERE!

Starting this weekend, **October 5th**, our pumpkin patch is open for business! We will be selling the lots in the hopes of not just raising funds, but also raising awareness of our congregation. You *can* help! You can help run the sale by taking a shift or two (or five). You can post one of signs advertising the sale in your yard. You can make phone calls. Every effort adds up to a lot! You can sign up using the volunteer boards or contact Mandy Ealy, Nanette Pedelty, Chris Yow, Caroline Massey, Courtney Covington, Morgan Covington or Vicky MacLean for more information.

### PUMPKIN PATCH SIGNS

Pumpkin Patch yard signs are here! We would love for you to take one and put it in your yard (or another place you think would be good!). If you would like to help offset the cost of these signs, you may donate \$9 per sign. This is not required! Pick one up after worship or from the church office during the week. Please plan to return it at the end of the pumpkin patch fundraiser.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOPE IS A LIFELONG VOCATION

Given the state of the world, even our immediate lives, speaking of hope might seem a naive venture. Why speak of hope when it seems clear there's little we can do to really change anything. Except...that's not true. God is able to take what little we do, what little we offer, what little we're able, and accomplish great things. Seriously great. But there are lots of things we allow to become roadblocks to our hope: lack of resources, being overwhelmed and, of course, the time-honored classic: impatience. But hope is like a favorite recipe: it takes intentional attention, great ingredients, and time to be good. Really good. As you move through the week, pay attention to what ingredients do you add to your hope. Also, what do you do to stir your hope? And finally, what do you keep in your life, in your heart, that's worth waiting for? Take time to share your discoveries with one another.

## QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Do you think your life (words, thoughts, actions) give people hope?
- Is God justified in having hopes for you?
- How do you usually form and lose hope in your life?
- Does God deal in hope or guarantees (or both)?

## THIS WEEKEND IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

It is an opportunity to participate knowing that Christians from around the earth will be sharing the symbol of the Table together. In anticipation of the occasion, share a greeting in another language during the greeting time!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session is calling for a congregational meeting for Sunday, **October 5th**, immediately following the morning worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and act on the report

from the Nominating Committee regarding the next class of Elders. They are recommending Courtney Covington, Greg Massey and Nanette Pedelty for consecutive terms, along with Brody Cameron and Erin Layfield. Morgan Covington is recommended for an additional term as Youth Elder. Profiles for these folks will be published shortly. Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work! One of the rights of the congregation in our system is to elect its leadership. The presentation of these names should NOT be seen as the final word on nominations. But the work of the Nominating Committee SHOULD be seen as a prayerful and thoughtful recommendation. We will review the recommended slate as well as any potential additional nominations with rationale made at the meeting. Any additional nominees must be prayerfully considered, have already agreed to have their name placed in nomination and be a member of the congregation.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

We're seeking some volunteers to lend a hand in our nursery! If interested, please reach out to Mandy.

### Sunday, October 5th:

AM: 1 - Sam Beaudry

2 - \_\_\_\_\_

PM: 1 - Kim Ragland

2 - \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunday, October 12th:

AM: 1 - \_\_\_\_\_

2 - \_\_\_\_\_

PM: 1 - \_\_\_\_\_

2 - \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH GROUP MEALS FOR FALL

If you are available to help provide meals for youth group meetings through the fall, please enter the below link into your browser to sign up. A few of our favorite

meals include chicken nuggets, pizza, Bojangles, taco bar & subs.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49AEA82EABFA7-58095792-fall>

## THE SCOUTS ARE SELLING POPCORN!

Our Scouts are in the season for selling popcorn of all kinds of varieties. They are selling at various locations including here in an effort to support their activities.

## BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, **October 11th** from 9:30AM-2:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: Hawfields. If you would rather make appointment by phone, please contact the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

## PASTOR APPRECIATION POTLUCK

David and Mandy Ealy are coming up on their 15th anniversary as leaders of our church. David started his ministry as pastor in Oct. of 2010 and Mandy began her ministry as Director of Christian Education in Jan. of 2011. We are blessed to have them both. To celebrate we are having a potluck luncheon on Sunday, **October 12th**, after the morning service. Please join us in honoring David and Mandy by bringing a dish and enjoying fellowship with us.

## TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING! OCTOBER 25TH; 2PM TO 4PM

This is a fun afternoon where we welcome the children of the community to come trick or treat with us. We need folks to decorate their trunks and hand out candy and we need candy donations. If you can decorate your trunk, please let Carol Phillips know. If you can donate candy, please bring it to the vestibule or the church office no later than **October 23rd**.

## THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH IS WRITTEN IN OUR CONNECTIONS



Whether we're talking about history or our ever-emerging present, God's goal has always been to connect us with God's Spirit and each other. A big way this happens is

through our stories. *Linking Lives* is an opportunity for folks to share their stories and in so doing help link us together with each other. Over the next 12 months, there will be opportunities for us to learn more about and, most importantly, *pray* for every family in our congregation. We will feature profiles and have times for personal prayer and chatting as well as bi-monthly opportunities for a podcast featuring faith stories (1st week of the month) and/or burning faith questions or theology (3rd week of the month). Invitation letters have already started going out. You can view/listen to the podcasts on our church YouTube channel or from our website link below:

<https://hawfieldschurch.org/linking-lives-podcast>

## 12 YEARS OF HEALING WORK!

Believe it or not, 12 years ago Alcoholics Anonymous partnered with us to host a local meeting, regional gatherings, and celebrations here at Hawfields. Every year, our group celebrates their anniversary with us with a Halloween bash potluck. To put plainly, we are invited to attend! Costumes are welcome. Books for jails and prisons are welcome and being collected. The meal starts at 6:30 PM and the guest speaker begins at 7:30 PM. Come be a part of the celebration!

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 AM ..... Youth Sunday School  
9:15 AM ..... Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)  
10:00 AM ..... Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 AM ..... Youth—Pumpkin Patch  
6:00 PM ..... Faith @ Night Service

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 PM ..... “The Chosen” Bible Study (ED15)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:30 AM ..... Staff Meeting & Prayer  
7:00 PM ..... Boy Scouts Meeting (F. Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 AM ..... Busy Bees Workshop  
1:30 PM ..... Hawfields Jammers  
5:00 PM ..... Linking Lives Prayer Chat  
6:30 PM ..... Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 PM ..... Narcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 PM ..... AA Meeting (Fleming Room)  
7:00 PM ..... Spiritual Life Committee Mtg

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 PM ..... Youth Lock-In

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM ..... Walking Group (church track)  
9:30 AM ..... Red Cross Blood Drive

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM ..... Youth Sunday School  
9:15 AM ..... Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)  
10:00 AM ..... Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 AM ..... Youth—Pumpkin Patch  
6:00 PM ..... Faith @ Night Service

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### BY THE NUMBERS 9/28/25

Giving Budget 2025.....\$346,202.00

**Gen. Fund YTD.....\$162,671.68**

Needed monthly.....\$28,850.17

**G.F. Month to Date.....\$13,590.50**

Needed weekly.....\$6,657.73

**Gen. Fund Last Week.....\$2,649.50**

Building Fund.....\$100.00

Youth.....\$30.00

Helping Hands Balance.....\$195.00